

WHEAT CROP WORTH SEVENTY-FIVE MILLIONS

Province of Saskatchewan Ranks Third Among Provinces and States in Wheat Production

Regina, January 31.—The final returns of the field crops in Saskatchewan, as compiled by the Bureau of Information and Statistics in the Department of Agriculture are as follows:

	Total Area	Total Yield	Average Yield
Wheat...	4,090,000	90,215,000	22.1
Barley...	2,240,000	100,460,000	47.1
Flax...	244,000	7,533,000	31.1
Yield...	310,000	4,438,700	13.9

These figures both of acreage and yield are somewhat in excess of the estimate made last September at the close of cutting, with the single exception of barley, the average yield of which fell two bushels per acre below the estimate.

The total area in grain crops for 1900 was 6,558,500 acres and the average acreage of grain crops per farm for the province was 84.9 acres. The acreage of all crops in Saskatchewan in 1900 was 7,016,272. The area in grain crops, 6,558,500 acres, compared with 5,881,202 acres last year.

These crop yields place Saskatchewan in the third rank among the provinces of the Dominion and States of the Union as a producer of wheat and oats. Minnesota, with 90,000,000 bushels, and North Dakota, with 90,000,000 bushels, are the only states that produced more wheat in 1900 than Saskatchewan.

After Saskatchewan came Kansas with 87,000,000 bushels. Minnesota's average yield was 16.8, North Dakota's was 13.7, Saskatchewan's was 22.1, Kansas 14.1, United States 15.5. Illinois and Iowa were the only states in the Union that produced more oats than did Saskatchewan in 1900, their production being 100,000,000 and 110,000,000 bushels respectively, as against Saskatchewan's 100,460,000 bushels. Illinois' average yield was 36.6, Iowa's 27.6, Saskatchewan's 47.1, Minnesota's 33.0 and United States 20.3 bushels per acre.

Saskatchewan produced very nearly one-sixth as much wheat as did the United States and more than one-tenth as much oats.

The average price on the farm for the wheat crop of all grades was 84c per bushel, which means that the wheat crop was worth \$75,750,000 to the producers.

There were in Saskatchewan on July 1st, 1900, 427,760 horses, valued at \$60,165,000; 234,435 milch cows, valued at \$6,637,940; 694,322 head of other cattle, valued at \$11,826,945; 102,501 sheep, valued at \$838,530; 382,280 swine, valued at \$1,038,117; poultry valued at \$1,038,117.

Making a total of agricultural values in the province of Saskatchewan valued at \$175,421,961, owned by 81,203 farmers and grown on less than 12 per cent. of the estimated arable acres in the province south of parallel 55.

In harvesting the immense crop, the farmers of Saskatchewan received aid from 12,200 harvesters, brought from the East on seven excursions and distributed throughout the province. This province received over 60 per cent. of the harvesters who came West this year.

There are in the province at the present time 1,716,000 acres of new land and 1,772,000 acres of summer fallow, together with a large area of fall ploughing ready for the crop of 1901.

The above figures, both of acreage and yield and number of live stock, were compiled from the reports of 20,000 individual farmers and the average yield was verified from the reports of several thousands of three-hundred.

There are in the province at the present time 900 grain elevators, having a total capacity of 24,570,000 bushels.

VICTORIA HAS DEFICIT.

Also a Row With the B. C. Electric Railway.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 1.—Differences have arisen between the city and the British Columbia Electric railway company which threaten to complicate arrangements for the utilization of the new power station now being built at Jordan River. A deadlock is existing as to terms of legislation implementing that bargain reached between the city and the company and ratified by the ratepayers.

The city now seeks to have a new power business secured the company and under the terms of the agreement terminable with the expiry of the company's general charter for the city in 1908. The company objects to this arrangement and the matter may remain at a standstill.

In addition to \$10,000 deficit, created by the failure of last year's fall harvest, the city council of 1900 faces a further shortage of \$31,000 and over, expenses on the water system and sewerage improvements made by the past year's council.

Great National Assembly Called.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The decision of King George of Greece to call a National Assembly aroused indignation in German government circles. The king's step led to serious negotiations with Turkey. It is believed that if the Ottomans send delegates to the Assembly Turkey will adopt aggressive measures. It is assumed, however, that the four protecting powers, Russia, France, Great Britain and Italy, will try to lead the Ottomans to prevent them from influencing the deliberations of the Assembly.

Spanish Minister Transferred.

Madrid, February 1.—The transfer of Martinez De Villa Lobos from the post of Spanish minister at Washington to a like diplomatic office at Lisbon was officially gazetted today.

DISTRICT NEWS.

FORT SASKATCHEWAN.

Bulletin News Service.

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church was held here last evening. The proceedings were opened by the minister, Rev. A. Forbes, M.A., B.D., with singing and prayer, after which Alex. Sutherland, chairman of the board of managers, was called to the chair.

The secretary-treasurer, J. B. Adams, then read the minutes of last annual meeting which was passed. He then presented the financial report for the year 1900 showing a total of \$1,135.45 raised for church purposes, an increase of \$290 over 1900.

W. Walton, in the report of the schemes of the church, viz: congregational weekly collections \$141.27, and \$80.90 raised by the Sunday school. The report of the Women's Missionary society was then read by the treasurer, Mrs. Minnith, showing the excellent work done by this society with an increase of \$220.40.

The ladies were very warmly thanked for their self-sacrificing labors during the past year.

Miss J. J. Gilbert gave the financial report and Miss McDonald the secretary's report for the Young Women's circle.

The receipts for the above were \$11.10. The society having been only a few months in existence. Miss Anna Leiby gave the first rate report of the Maple Leaf, run on the same lines as the Young Women's circle.

This society promises to be a good training ground for the young girls of the church.

Mrs. Forbes read a report of Mr. Bala, (who was absent through illness) in connection with the Women's Missionary society, detailing the work done by that society.

Mrs. Forbes in closing stated that she had secured the services of Mrs. Sutherland, Sr., as president of the women's society. Mrs. Bryman as secretary, and Mrs. Walton to take charge of the Young Women's circle. She also asked some one to offer to take charge of the Maple Leaf society.

J. Paul gave in his report of the session and congregation, and also of the Sunday school. Mr. Walton proposed a vote of thanks to the choir for their valuable services.

Mr. Walton then, on behalf of the congregation, presented Rev. A. Forbes with a purse containing a cheque for \$20.00 as a parting gift on his going on to Grand Prairie.

Mr. Forbes in a few well chosen words thanked the ladies.

After the usual votes of thanks tea and cake was served by the ladies, after which the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the doxology.

Fort Saskatchewan, Feb. 1st.

L. I. D. T. B. S.

A meeting of councillors of Local Improvement District No. 27, B. 5, was held at the home of Mr. W. K. Shields, on Saturday night. The members present were W. K. Shields, 567-79.

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OUR NORTHERN LANDS.

Senator Wants That Possession Put Beyond Any Doubt.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—In Senate today the government announced that it had proposed to appoint a commission charged with ascertaining the title of the Arctic lands and islands on which the Canadian flag was recently planted. It was held that it was important to the possession of all parts of British North America and there were indications that the United States would readily agree to the closing of the Arctic to a territorial water. Canada's boundary experiences should be provided in the matter of the Arctic lands and islands on securing possession. A document recently discovered in St. Louis was an instruction to a Russian officer to go back to 1900 directing him to make a secret expedition to bury along the coast, indicating the discovery and possession of Alaska at a far earlier date by Russia. In this way Russia established claim to Alaska which was later sold to the States for a million and a half dollars. Sir Richard Cartwright asserted that the government was not blind to the importance of asserting jurisdiction in the north of Canada and had already despatched two expeditions for this purpose, and was about to send a third. In addition two or three police posts had been established. The question of appointing a superintendent was under consideration.

Senator Loughnan expressed regret that the officers Canada sent on such expeditions should destroy the value of the work by making public. Sir Richard Cartwright largely agreed as to the desirability of secrecy in such matters. The Prime Minister had dealt with the alleged interview of Capt. Bennett. On motion of Sir Richard Cartwright, regulations for Canada's national parks were approved.

Austria and U. S. Negotiate.

Vienna, Feb. 1.—At a meeting of the chamber of commerce, held for the purpose of discussing the new American tariff it was stated that in reply to the American government's query with reference to the imposition of duties by Austria from the Balkans, the minister in Washington was instructed to inform the U. S. that no import will be allowed from the Balkans. It is anticipated that in consequence of this answer, Austria will obtain the minimum tariff. It is understood that the same question was asked of Germany and that the same reply was made.

Minnesota Politician Dead.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 2.—Sidney M. Owen, 73 years old, president and treasurer of the Farm, Stock and Wool "W" member of the board of Regents of the State University since 1897, and prominently identified with political life in Minnesota for the last twenty-five years, died at his home in this city at 4 a.m. today after a brief illness. He is survived by Mrs. Owen and one son, Harry M. Owen.

Regina Figures.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 31.—Customs receipts for the month of January for the port of Regina, totaled \$2,600, an increase of \$18,075 over the same month last year. Building figures for the last month also showed a gratifying increase of over 200 permits for the month, totaling \$48,500 as against \$3000 for January, 1900.

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